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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Lieut. Madden	Navy
254169 Malone	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)

2. Processing Time for NIS Contributions

The members were given copies of an analysis prepared by D/B which indicated the processing time required on all contributions during the period 1 July 1954 to 16 September 1954. The average time in D/B review was 10.8 working days, while the average time taken by contributors to revise their contributions as a result of D/B review was 13.6 working days. However, the spread among agencies extended from an average of 9.7 working days to an average of 31.6 working days. The Chairman emphasized the necessity for agencies to reduce the time taken in revising their contributions so that the overall processing and printing time lag may be kept to a minimum.

3. F.O.A. Request for NIS

The State, Navy and Air Force members reported the concurrence of their respective agencies to the release of NIS to F.O.A. in accordance with the letters of justification submitted by that agency and amplified in its memorandum of September 7, 1954 (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 177). The Army member reported that the letters of justification were in the Security Division at Army. He will notify the Chairman as soon as he is advised of the findings.

The Committee agreed that the letter of justification prepared by F.O.A. on September 7, 1954 would support an across-the-board requirement for NIS on all areas and topics. The State and Air Force members said their agencies concurred in a full release of NIS to F.O.A. The other members were requested to seek approval of their agencies for this broader requirement. /Subsequently the Army and Navy members reported concurrence of their agencies for full release of NIS to F.O.A., and the Secretary, IAC, was so advised.7

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4. SEC Forecast

The Committee further discussed matters relating to the adequacy of scientific intelligence coverage (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 177). The members agreed that the SEC should determine those areas which had a substantial scientific potential. Only for those areas would there be NIS requirements for Chapters VII and related Sections 17. There would be no NIS requirements for other areas. The Committee further agreed that production schedules for Chapter VII should be conservative in view of SEC's limited manpower. The Committee has already recognized this by progressively reducing Chapter VII production from five areas in 1953, to four areas in 1954, and to three areas for the present fiscal year.

The Committee felt that there was demonstrated consumer need for Chapter VII of an order which required continuing fulfillment of Chapter VII requirements. The Chairman was requested to express the Committee's views in replying to the memorandum of 16 August 1954 from the Chairman, SEC.

5. Numbering of NIS Covers

In accordance with the request of the Chairman at NIS Committee Meeting No. 177 the members reported they had consulted with their dissemination offices and found no need for the numbering of section covers in printing process. Further, the Army member, who had raised the question originally, stated that his agency had discontinued this practice. Since there was no further requirement, the matter was dropped.

6. Petroleum Intelligence Requirements

The members reported their agencies concurred in the proposals for the revised outline for Section 62-C and the production schedules for Supplements V (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 177). The State and Navy members submitted suggestions which they believed might improve the outline for Section 62-C but which do not affect the basic structure of the outline. The Chairman said the D/B staff will take into consideration these suggestions in developing the finished outline and outline guide.

7. Treatment of [REDACTED]

In accordance with the request of the State member at NIS Committee Meeting No. 177, the [REDACTED] members reported they had considered the matter of treatment of [REDACTED]. It was the consensus of the Committee that:

- a. Chapter IV on [REDACTED] should include [REDACTED] as has been done with sections so far submitted on Chapter IV; and
- b. [REDACTED] Chapters V (Political) and VI (Economic) should treat the [REDACTED] separately as annexes under [REDACTED]

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8. USIA Requirements

The State member distributed for Committee consideration a memorandum dated 20 September 1954, subject: Proposed Changes in Production Schedule for FY 1955, which reads as follows:

"1. In order to better serve the needs of the U.S. Information Agency, State proposes certain changes in its production schedule for FY 1955. No sections are involved which call for contributions from other agencies, and the numerical total of State's commitment for the year is not affected.

2. It is requested that the NIS Permanent Committee approve the following changes:

Addition of Section 57 (Maintenance) on Area 14 (Poland) for delivery to CIA in May, 1955.

Addition of Section 58 on Area 22 (Rumania) for delivery to CIA in May, 1955

Addition of Section 57 on Area 43 (Indochina) for delivery to CIA in April, 1955

Cancellation of Section 57 on Area 54 (Anglo-Egyptian Sudan), now scheduled for delivery to CIA in April, 1955

Cancellation of Section 51 (Maintenance) on Area 14 (Poland), now scheduled for delivery to CIA in May, 1955

Cancellation of Section 54 on Area 22 (Rumania), now scheduled for delivery to CIA in May, 1955."

The Committee approved the proposal without change.

9. Treatment for NIS 39

The State member proposed segmented treatment for Chapters IV, V, and VI on NIS 39 (China) in three groupings: Communist China; Nationalist China; Hong Kong and Macao. The proposal stems from the change in production responsibility for Chapter VI, whereby CIA is responsible for Communist China and State has responsibility for the other two groupings. Moreover, State feels there would be distinct advantage in using the same groupings when undertaking maintenance for Chapters IV and V.

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Because of the complex factors involved, the Chairman suggested that State formally develop the proposal for discussion at the next meeting.

10. Maintenance

The Chairman expressed concern over the apparent failure on the part of contributors to initiate on a systematic and timely basis collection effort to fill the gaps and overcome the deficiencies noted by the contributors themselves in Comments on Principal Sources. While the methods in force in the several agencies appear adequate, the facts show that the field collection activities do not follow up on known requirements in time to provide for maintenance. In consequence, when maintenance is scheduled it becomes necessary for the contributor to send out last minute collection requests to the field in the hope of getting the required information.

The Committee agreed that more effective procedures were necessary. The Chairman undertook to develop standard procedures which could be used by all agencies as a basis for adequate collection action.

11. Dept. of the Interior Request for NIS

The Vice Chairman explained that through an oversight the Department of the Interior was not receiving Supplements V requested in its letter of justification dated 5 August 1953. The members had no objection to this dissemination of Supplements V since they were prepared by Interior and the need for them was obvious. The Vice Chairman will so inform the Secretary, IAC.

12. Chapter III Treatment of Certain NIS Areas

The Army member advised that his agency had prepared a further revision to a list submitted previously on the omission of Sections 33 (Inland Waterways) and Sections 35 (Ports and Naval Facilities) (see NIS Committee Meetings No. 159 and 160). This new list supersedes previous submissions in their entirety, as follows:

a. The following NIS areas, being landlocked, will not be covered by a Section 35 in the National Intelligence Survey Program. This geographical feature will be reported in the Section 30 when compiled and printed:

NIS 6	Luxembourg
15	Switzerland
16	Austria
18	Czechoslovakia
19	Hungary
34	Afghanistan

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NIS 40	Mongolia
57	Rhodesia and Nyasaland
92	Paraguay
93	Bolivia

b. The following countries either have no inland waterways, or existent waterways do not support traffic, precluding the necessity of a complete Section 33 treatment:

NIS 25	Cyprus, Malta, and Gibraltar
29	Jordan
31	Palestine
32	Arabian Peninsula
49	Libya

c. The inland waterways of the following listed NIS Areas were covered by contributions to the Chapter III NIS Coordinator for inclusion in Section 30 on the dates indicated:

NIS 6	Luxembourg	13 June 1953
37	Ceylon	12 December 1952
46	Tunisia	10 December 1953
47	Algeria	12 December 1953
48	Morocco	16 December 1953
51	Liberia	6 August 1954
55	Ethiopia	1 November 1953
57	Rhodesia & Nyasaland	24 August 1954
61	Union of South Africa	26 January 1953
98	Hawaiian Islands	3 February 1953

d. It is planned to treat the inland waterways of the following listed NIS Areas by making contributions to the Chapter III Coordinator for inclusion in Section 30 covering the Area:

NIS 50	West Africa
59	Angola
63	Indian Ocean Islands
64	South Atlantic Islands
67	Greenland
68	Iceland
69	North Polar Area
78	Cuba
79	Haiti
80	Dominican Republic

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NIS 82	Dutch Possessions in the Caribbean
83	French Possessions in the Caribbean
84	United States Possessions in the Caribbean
87	Ecuador
89	Chile
298X1X7	Bolivia
101	West Pacific Islands
103	South Pacific Islands

The Committee had no objections to the proposal by Army on Chapter III treatment of certain NIS Areas as outlined above.

The Army member further suggested that the Quarterly Report, "Status of NIS Production in D/B" indicate in some manner that those parts listed above would not be done. The Chairman said that the usual procedure in such cases is to list the Chapter number when all relevant sections have been published. The Army member said this procedure would be acceptable.

13. USIA Participation in Subcommittee Activities

In accordance with a letter received from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 on the subject of "USIA Participation in Subcommittee Activities" (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 176), the Army member requested that the Chairman notify him whenever matters within the purview of USIA are to be discussed by the NIS Committee in order that arrangements might be made for a member of the Office of Psychological Warfare to accompany the G-2 member to that meeting.

14. Chapter I Matters

a. The Army member said that the Army would like to have a production planning schedule for Chapter I developed for the next three years. The Chairman said this will be done when the production planning schedules for Chapters II - IX have been developed. From these schedules can be determined what NIS Areas will be wholly completed as the basis for developing the Chapter I planning schedule.

b. The Committee agreed that the form in which the Comments on Principal Sources were being written for Chapter I was inappropriate for that Chapter. In general it was felt that these Comments should reflect the general credibility of the intelligence on each general topic, the significant major gaps and deficiencies, and any marked changes in the over-all collection picture. It was further agreed that lists of principal sources should be omitted from the Chapter I sections. The Chairman said he would request the Chapter I Task Group to develop these views in the production of future Chapters I.

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15. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 5 October 1954.

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